



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region III

SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BULACAN

March 25, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 154, s. 2026

**UPSKILLING OF JOURNALISTIC COMPETENCIES OF THE SDO BULACAN
QUALIFIERS FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (NSPC)**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division Chiefs
DEPS in English and Filipino
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. To further optimize the learners' journalistic skills for the national competitions, this Office will hold an **online training-workshop** titled "**Upskilling of Journalistic Competencies of the SDO Bulacan Qualifiers for the 2026 National Schools Press Conference (NSPC)**" scheduled on **April 7-8, 2026**, using MS Teams.
2. The activity has the following objectives:
 - 2.1 enhance the writing skills of campus journalists and teacher-coaches participating in various campus journalism competitions at the 2026 NSPC;
 - 2.2 acknowledge the crucial role of journalism in promoting social awareness and environmental consciousness;
 - 2.3 facilitate training sessions that effectively address the gaps in journalistic skills; and
 - 2.4 produce successful campus journalism entries that meet the requirements of the 2026 NSPC competitions.
3. The participants of the aforesaid intensive training are those who placed first in the individual writing categories and the group contests during the recently conducted 2026 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC).
4. Enclosure No.1 contains the matrix of activities and the Division Campus Journalism TWG Core Group/Speakers/Facilitators.
5. Service credits or Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) shall be granted to the participants and personnel for activities that fall during the End-Of-School-Year (EOSY) break, vacation, weekend, or holiday. This is in accordance with DepEd Order Nos. 013 s. 2024 titled "Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers," and 53, s. 2003, DBM-CSC Joint Circular No. 002, s. 2015, and DepEd Memoranda Nos. 65 & 67, s. 2021.
6. Also, school heads must ensure that the concerned teacher-coaches and School Paper Advisers (SPAs) have selected the aforementioned training dates as their reporting to duty period, following the essential guidelines and provisions outlined in DM-OSEC-OUHROD-OPS-2025-001 pertaining to the 30-day uninterrupted vacation for teachers, allowing them to choose their vacation period either continuously or on a staggered basis, depending on summer program/activity schedules. Henceforth, during the declared 30-day vacation period, teachers shall not be required to participate in any school-related activities. Attendance at such activities shall be **entirely voluntary and within their discretion.**



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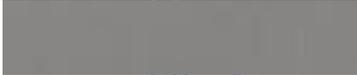
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7. All learner-journalists must have parents'/guardians' letters of consent to be submitted to their teacher-coaches and School Paper Advisers (SPA), allowing them to join and participate in the campus journalism activities.
8. Strictly, **no monetary and non-monetary fees** shall be taken from the parents and learners. Instead, all food, refreshments, and snacks, and any expenses incurred in the conduct of the aforesaid training-workshop shall be taken from the Student Development Canteen Funds/MOOE/LSB/local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


CECILIA E. VALDERAMA, PhD, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

References:

Republic Act (RA) No.7079;
DepEd Order No. 012, s. 2025, 013 s. 2024 and 53, s. 2003,
DepEd Memorandum No.021, s.2026; and
and DM-OSEC-OUHROD-OPS-2025-001.

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

CAMPUS JOURNALISM

LEARNERS

SCHOOL PAPER ADVISERS

CID/Sangoyo-Division Memo –Upskilling of Journalistic Skills of the 2026 NSPC
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Enclosure No. 1 to Division Memorandum No. 154 s. 2026

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A. MATRIX OF ACTIVITIES

Day 1-2 (April 7-8, 2026)

Time	Action		Person-in-Charge
	April 7, 2026	April 8, 2026	
7:00 – 8:00	Arrival and Recognition	• Management with Learning	TWG
8:01 – 9:30	Opening Program, Inputs on the 2026 NSPC Guidelines	Break-Out Session (ph2) in 9 IWCs and Team Events	TWG Participants
9:31 – 10:00	Health Break		TWG
10:01 – 12:00	Break-Out Session (Ph1- in 9 ICWs and team Events)	Continuation of Break-Out session (ph2) in 9 IWCs and Group Contests	Invited Resource Speaker / TWG
12:01 – 1:00	Lunch Break		TWG
1:01 – 3:30	Continuation of Break-Out Session with Working Break	- Evaluation Ph 2 outputs - Final Round Evaluation	Invited Resource Speaker / TWG
3:31 – 5:00	Assessment of Outputs Gathering of Feedback	- Closing Program - Final Briefing	TWG
Convener/facilitators	* Jay Arr V. Sangoyo, PhD * Anastacia N. Victorino, EdD * Elem SPAA *Division CJ TWG Team		

B. DIVISION CAMPUS JOURNALISM TWG/SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS

No.	Name	School/District
1.	Cecilia S. Custodio, PhD	CID Chief – SDO Bulacan
2.	Jay Arr V. Sangoyo, PhD	DEPS, English – SDO Bulacan
3.	Anastacia N. Victorino, EdD	DEPS, Filipino – SDO Bulacan
4.	Anita C. Sabino	Sta. Monica NHS
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6.	Mharikith E. Fababier	Bunsuran NHS
7.	Daniel John M. Camia	Prenza ES, Marilao North
8.	Glen Moore B. Adriano	Saog ES, Marilao South
9.	Emma C. Guitaba	FFHNAS
10.	Candelaria V. Cruz	M. Del Rosario MES, Pulilan
11.	Marilyn M. Juan	Parada NHS
12.	Eladio N. Tuppal	Caingin ES, San Rafael East
13.	Ma. Luisa G. Reyes	Alexis G. Santos NHS
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15.	Angelo B. Dating	Loma De Gato ES, Marilao North
16.	Mariane Desiree S. Capala	Loma De Gato ES, Marilao North
17.	Invited Media Practitioners	New Media



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